

## School opens doors to Afghans' future

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**SAYAD, Afghanistan** – It is apparent in the eyes of the children of Sayad, the youth of Afghanistan need action today to have a brighter tomorrow.

Taking a bold step toward that brighter tomorrow, the Sofi Baba Girle High School officially opened its door in a ceremony Thursday.

"Today is a grand day [for the community of Sayad]; your school is ready to receive students," said Lt. Col. Elizabeth Damonte, Provincial Reconstruction Team commander of Parwan and Kapisa, and one of four guest speakers at the ceremony.



*Celebrating the opening of their new school, hundreds of students marched to the ceremonial tent singing songs of praise for the eventful day.*

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## Troops to experience Ramadan in Afghanistan

Story by Spc. Kelly Hunt  
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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** – To understand a religion other than your own takes an open mind, a curious heart and an opportunity to witness the inner circle of the practice.

For troops here, the Muslim faith will be placed at their doorstep, baring itself to another culture to experience and embrace the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Ramadan is a special month in the Muslim faith where more than one billion believers around the world devote their time and energy to inner reflection, self-control and devotion to Allah through prayer and sacrifice.

For many troops stationed here who have not seen the practice of the Muslim faith, Ramadan will offer a close encounter with the religion through the many local nationals working on base.

"It will give me a deeper understanding and appreciation for Muslim armed forces personnel, our Muslim friends, our translators, (contractors) and personnel working at our dining facilities," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Kenneth Sampson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Com-

bined Joint Task Force 180.

"There are very strict fasting regulations that practicing Muslims abide by," said Sampson.

Fasting and prayer are the two most distinct characteristics of Ramadan and are of highest concentration during the hours of daylight.

"Fasting is a tradition in many religions," said Sampson. "It accentuates your thinking powers on the spiritual aspect of who we are, but with Ramadan, it's more than just a spiritual discipline.

The fast of Ramadan is mandatory. "The whole Muslim nation agrees that the fast of Ramadan is obligatory and if one disputes this, he can not be Muslim," said Shahid Azizi, an interpreter from Parwan Province, Bagram District.

"It's an identification with those who are poor, who don't have enough food, who are handicapped, who are in prison, who are orphans; those who are dispossessed in the world," he said. "Ramadan causes everyone who follows the Muslim faith to be able to identify with those people in our world."

It is believed that by sacrificing and practicing self-control, Muslims become closer to Allah and because they gave up comfort for him, they

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



*A Rancho Cucamonga resident gathers belongings as fire moves closer to her home.*

## Wildfire burns toward LA

**RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif.**—Heavy smoke blotted the sun from the sky above Rancho Cucamonga on Friday as a wind-driven wildfire blazed across the hills north of the eastern Los Angeles suburb.

Two hundred homes have been evacuated and residents of 150 more have been told to prepare to leave quickly if necessary. More than 2,000 people have fled their homes.

Friday afternoon, firefighters began using fixed-wing aircraft to dump fire retardant on the flames, something they couldn't do earlier when gusty winds made flying unsafe.

Smoke and debris from the fire were seen 40 miles to the west in Hollywood.

The fire began Tuesday afternoon, U.S. Forest Service Information Officer Michael Esperza said, and authorities have ruled out natural or regional causes, leading them to suspect arson.

The hot, dry Santa Ana winds swept down Day Canyon faster than expected, Rancho Cucamonga city spokesman Duane Baker told *CNN*, which whipped the long line of orange flames toward the northern city limits and forced firefighters to rush into action.

"The wind certainly makes this a fast-moving situation," Baker said. "It makes it a much more fluid situation than it has been."

Baker said officials hadn't expected the winds to kick up until late Friday or early Saturday, but instead the Santa Anas blew in overnight Thursday — with 40 mph gusts amid a steady 10-15 mph breeze — and the fire crept close to hundreds of homes.

"We have fire engines, strike teams going into the neighborhoods that are evacuated," Baker said. "We're going to do everything pos-

sible not to let that fire transfer to any homes."

Unfortunately for firefighters and residents, conditions are likely to get worse this weekend, CNN meteorologist Orelon Sydney said.

The National Weather Service predicts that low humidity and sustained winds of 25-35 mph with gusts up to 45 mph will persist in the region through Monday afternoon.



*The World Bank says \$55bn will be needed to rebuild Iraq.*

## Pledges top \$14 Billion to help rebuild Iraq

**MADRID, Spain**—Donor countries, excluding the United States, have pledged between \$14 billion and \$19 billion to help rebuild Iraq, conference officials said.

The U.S., which has pledged \$20 billion to Iraqi reconstruction, had hoped other countries would contribute \$36 billion at the donor's conference in Madrid.

Nearly \$56 billion is needed over the next four years, according to estimates, to help in the reconstruction of Iraq.

So far, the largest contribution outside the United States has reached come from Japan.

Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi announced a \$5 billion package, which includes a \$1.5 billion grant for 2004 and \$3.5 billion in loans through 2007.

Saudi Arabia said it will give \$500 million in export credits and \$500 million in loans.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said the contributions being sought are "not a one-size fits all proposition."

"Each donor will find its own way to contribute, but whatever form your support may take, it must be substantial because Iraq's requirements over the next few years are very substantial."

Iraq and the United States have stated very

clearly that they would prefer cash grants over loans. Some of the delegates have not explained whether their donations will be in the form of grants or loans.

**Qatar**—the Persian Gulf emirate where U.S. Central Command was based during the buildup of the Iraq war — said it would donate \$100 million.

Kuwait is pledging \$500 million in aid for its neighbor who invaded the small country under Saddam Hussein, prompting the 1991 Gulf War.

Earlier, it was incorrectly reported at the donors' conference that Kuwait pledged \$1 billion in aid.

EU External Affairs Commissioner Chris Patten blamed the error on a translation problem. Patten said the Kuwaiti delegation wanted the conference to know that Kuwait already spent \$1 billion for Iraq and that Friday's pledge of \$500 million was new money.

France and Germany, who led the opposition to the most recent U.S.-led war that ousted the Iraqi leader, are being urged to contribute separately from the European Union's pledge of \$236 million.

## Chiang Kai-shek dies

**NEW YORK**—Once considered the most powerful woman in China, Madame Chiang Kai-shek has died at her home in New York, aged 106.

Taiwan's representative in New York said Chiang passed away Thursday night at her Upper East Side apartment in Manhattan.

"I was told by family members that she died very peacefully in her sleep," Andrew Hsia, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York, said.

"Her niece, her niece's husband and her great-grandson were with her at the time of her passing."

Using her charm and fluent English, Madame Chiang lobbied Washington and became a driving force in Taiwan's nationalist government.

But her rise to prominence began when she married Chinese nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek, also known as "the Generalissimo," in 1927, becoming one of the world's most famous couples.



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More than 600 people attended the opening including as the mayor of Bagram, Education Minister of Bagram, the Minister of Information and Culture of Sayad and the Education Minister of Sayad.

In her speech, Damonte thanked the contractors and the entire community of Sayad for their contributions in building the school. She suggested that everyone involved in the school project would see the rewards of their labor – children getting a quality education adding, “Back home [in the United States] I’m a science teacher and I know the joy of education and educating children.”

The school reconstruction project took a little over five months to complete. During that time the boys and girls of Sayad had to attend school in desolate places such as tents, under tarps and in open fields.

According to Maj. Carman Oldre, 407th Civil Affairs Battalion, some families volunteered sections of their homes to house classes.

The reconstruction project was completed by ARA Construction Company.

Before the ceremony began, honored guests and province elders got the opportunity to tour the school where workers were



*A soldier from the 304th Psychological Operations Battalion hands out copies of the Peace newspaper to school opening attendees.*

inside the school’s courtyard assembling desks for the empty classrooms, ominous with Damonte’s speech when she stated that “the rooms of the school will be hallow no more, soon they’ll be filled with student.”

Closing her speech, Damonte remarks symbolically summed up the day’s event, “I thank you now,” she said, “and the children and all of Afghanistan will thank you in the future.”

Bringing the ceremony to a close, a local boys troupe performed a celebratory dance followed by a ribbon cutting with Kabir Ahmed, the Mayor of Bagram, Damonte and Doctor Sayid Abdull Hakim, Education Minister of Sayad.

In conjunction with the school opening, the 304<sup>th</sup> Psychological Operations Battalion distributed 250 backpacks to local children along with 1,000 issue of the *Peace* newspaper.

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will be rewarded.

“Whoever trusts the month of Ramadan, obeying all of it’s limitations and guarding against what is forbidden, has in fact atoned for any sins he committed before it (and) whoever fasts the month of Ramadan with faith and seeks Allah’s pleasure and reward will have his previous sins forgiven,” said Shahid.

Towards the end of the month there is an emphasis on giving money, gifts, food and clothing to those in need so not only are participants understanding the hardships of the less fortunate through fasting, but are cleansing themselves by actively making a difference through donation and charity.

“Many Muslim practitioners are looking forward to Ramadan because they anticipate the spiritual benefits,” said Sampson.

It’s a month with an emphasis on prayer as well as fasting. The call to prayer signifies the designated times in which Muslims are required to pray.

“It is a time for greater prayer and the five times for prayer will often be intense,” said Sampson.

Ramadan also has an equalizing affect on the Muslim community.

“Those who are wealthy to the very lowest person in the society,

everybody engages in Ramadan,” he said. “Equality of everyone before God; that’s what Ramadan helps people experience.”

The end of the month is signified with a feast celebrating the spiritual enlightenment practicing Muslims have experienced during Ramadan and is an opportunity for troops to participate in the religion.

“The breaking of the fast is a time when non Muslims may be invited to various activities,” said Sampson.

During the month of Ramadan, troops should remain observant to the rules of the holy time and though personnel may not be of the Muslim faith, courteously for the religion may require some changes from everyday activities.

Troops should not offer any food or drink to practicing Muslims during the daylight hours of Ramadan and should refrain from eating or drinking in front of Muslims as to not distract them from their religious practices, said Sampson.

Muslim coalition troops and Muslims working on base may have an intense and rigorous prayer ritual during this time and exceptions to everyday schedules should be allowed to give Muslim followers a chance partake in the calls to prayer, he added.

For more information on Ramadan and how to be granted recognition to participate in the religious activities if of the Muslim faith, contact Sampson at 318-231-4018.



(Top) Nesting dolls are one of many authentic Kyrgyzs and Russian souvenirs that can be found at Manas. (Left) Snow-capped mountains overlook the main camp at Manas

## A glimpse at Manas

Photo page by Sgt. Greg Heath  
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**MANAS**, Kyrgyzstan — Manas Air Base is home to the 376<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Air Wing, and acts as the main hub for personnel and cargo travelling in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The air base is located in Kyrgyzstan, a Central Asian country of incredible natural beauty and proud nomadic traditions. The small country, which is slightly smaller than the state of South Dakota, is a former republic of the Soviet Union, which achieved its independence in 1991.

Manas is located approximately 20 miles from the country's capital Bishkek, and shares runway space with Bishkek's Manas International Airport.

Chances are when heading out of Afghanistan, one's journey will pass through Manas.



Airmen load A C-130 Hercules airplane with cargo at Manas Air Base.



A man stands in front of a traditional Kyrgyzstani hut.



Dolls depict historical Kyrgyzstani figures



A young Kyrgyzstani man holds his country's flag while dressed in traditional clothes.



# FREEDOM'S VOICES

## *Backs against the wall...*

### Yankees need more than pride to turn World Series around

By John Donovan

**MIAMI**—The New York Yankees, let's face it, are in a pickle right now. Just about nobody expected them to be here, down a game with two to play in the World Series. Probably nobody at all. Heck, the Florida Marlins couldn't have expected this.

But now, suddenly, after all they've been through this season, after the spring training (complaining) and the bosses bickering, after that monstrous regular season and that miraculous win over the Boston Red Sox in the American League Championship Series, the Yankees are on the verge of cracking. The Evil Empire is crumbling.

The question is whether they can patch things together for two more games.

David Wells fell apart before our very eyes in a critical Game 5 loss by the Yanks, out with a bad back after only eight pitches. It could be the last time he'll ever pitch.

Jason Giambi, the \$120 million first baseman demoted to designated hitter, never made it into the starting lineup because of a bad knee he aggravated by having to play defense the first two nights in Miami. Alfonso Soriano isn't falling apart, but his reputation is. He was booted from the starting lineup after a terrible first four games.

Manager Joe Torre has tried to patch things together. He's messed with the lineup. He's used his pinch hitters. He's talked to different players. But it hasn't worked. It didn't work Thursday. And now the Marlins are just one win away from an improbable title.

"If you're going to win," Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter said after the Marlins took Game 5, 6-4, putting them up 3-2 in this first-to-seven Series, "you have to have the best team. So if somebody goes down, somebody else has to pick it up."

It will take a team to pull this out, and the Yanks may yet have the best one. They'll have lefty Andy Pettitte pitch Game 6 on Saturday. He's been money when he's had to be. If they survive, they'll have ace Mike Mussina go on Sunday. He won Game 2.

The numbers, remember, say the Yanks aren't playing terribly. They're outscoring the Marlins, outhitting them, outpitching them. And though their defense hasn't been as good as Florida's, that hasn't been the difference so far.

No, the difference has been that the Yanks are cracking at the worst time and the Marlins are not. The New Yorkers have double-clutched in the clutch. They've fallen behind early in all three of their losses. They've come back all three times. But never enough.

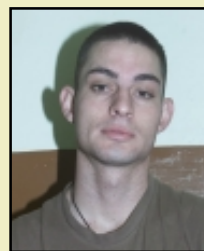
The Yankees are in a mess, but they're not panicking. Maybe they should. But they're not. There is a game to play Saturday. And, if it's up to the Yanks, another one Sunday.

The Yanks are showing some cracks, for sure. But they haven't fallen yet.

(John Donovan is a senior writer for SI.com.)

## STREET TALK

*How are you going to spend your Halloween this year?*



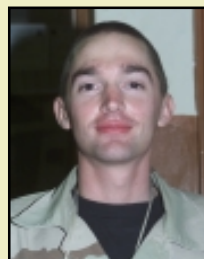
"I'm probably going to spend an hour on the Internet with my friends, hoping they had a good Halloween."

**Spc. Jesse Knight**  
110th Military Intelligence  
10th Mountain Division

"One of my battalions is having a Halloween party so that's how I'm going to celebrate it."



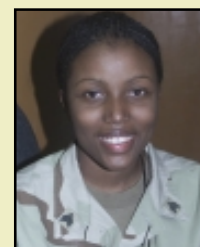
**Col. Tony Crutchfield**  
10th Aviation Bde.  
Task Force Falcon



"I'm going to try and go home to see my mom and spend it with my family and friends."

**Airman 1st Class Daniel Pool**  
455th Expeditionary  
Security Forces Squadron

"The girls have the tent dressed up and they plan to go trick or treating tent to tent (and we're going to eat candy until our teeth fall out."



**Sgt. Charlene Bishop**  
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# Afghanistan Hot Topics

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## German Parliament approves expanded Afghanistan mission

*(Deutsche Welle)* – As the German Bundestag on Friday voted to expand the scope of Germany's peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan, Defense Minister Peter Struck said German troops wouldn't get mixed up in the country's war on drugs.

Until now, the mission of the German army, or Bundeswehr, in Afghanistan has been contained to the area in and around the capital, Kabul. But to combat increasing lawlessness in remote parts of the country, the leaders of NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan say it's necessary to set up a center of command in the northern Afghan city of Kunduz.

Due to constitutional requirements, the German parliament has to approve any military deployments or, as in this case, significant changes to deployments. The petition before parliament on Friday included an extension of the German ISAF contingent's mandate to October 13, 2004, as well as increasing the number of soldiers from 1800 to as many as 2250. A team of 230 - 450 soldiers is set to be deployed in Kunduz.

### Bundestag convinced

An overwhelming majority of 531 out of 593 MP's voted in favor of the motion. Only 57 MP's voted against, while 5 abstained. Despite criticism about the government's handling of the expansion plan, the opposition conservatives and liberals supported the new mission.

Struck made it clear to parliament that while ISAF has had many successes in Afghanistan, the mission is not without an element of danger. Before the vote he spoke of "signs of stagnation" in the country that cannot be overlooked. The focus now, he said, should be on boosting the reach and power of Afghanistan's new governing body led by President Hamid Karzai, and preventing the country from once again becoming a home base for terrorist organizations.

### Drug war off limits

But Struck drew the line at involving German soldiers in Afghanistan's struggle with the illegal drug trade. "We don't protect any

drug lords, we're there to protect our civil workers helping in the reconstruction effort," Struck said in an interview with ARD television, adding that drugs were a matter for the local police.

German Development Minister Heidemarie Wiecek-Zeul said the plan would grant the people of Afghanistan "a more dignified way of life," and backed Struck's view that the Bundeswehr's expanded presence would make it easier for charitable organizations to carry out their work.

If the Bundeswehr's mission proves successful, it could spearhead similar missions in other towns such as Herat, Kandahar and Masar-i-Sharif.

## Afghanistan's top leader launches disarmament drive

**KUNDUZ, Afghanistan** *(Reuters)* – About 1,000 Afghan militiamen were formally demobilized by Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Friday in a football field in the north of the country at the launch of an ambitious U.N.-backed disarmament drive.

The men had handed in their weapons this week in a pilot scheme for the \$200 million Japanese-led Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) plan, which aims to cover 100,000 militiamen across the country over two years.

Major doubts still hang over the plan, including whether Afghanistan's unruly warlords will cooperate and whether fighters themselves will give up for good a life ruled by the gun.

But Karzai and U.N. special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi said the plan was an important first step toward a peaceful Afghanistan where a new national army and police force would be the only people authorized to carry guns.

"This program is the beginning of a new life in Afghanistan," Karzai said to applause from hundreds of schoolgirls in white veils and black dresses who had come to watch.

"Today we are starting a new jihad (holy struggle) to rescue people, provide them with a comfortable life and rebuild our country."

Some of the men on parade on Friday wore uniforms, but most were in civilian clothes — long shirts and baggy trousers, flat woolen caps

and cotton scarves thrown over a shoulder.

Most were part-time soldiers or reservists, who their commanders can call on in times of war, and many had not been paid for months or years. In return for weapons they will receive \$200 in cash, food, clothes and help in finding a new life.

"I hope the government re-opens the factories that used to be here so I can get work," said 38-year-old, white-bearded Nasrullah. "I fought in the jihad against the Soviets, and against the Taliban. But now we have destroyed our country by ourselves, and we are tired of it."

A cargo container painted in U.N. colors was driven onto the field on Friday and opened to reveal the weapons received from Nasrullah and his colleagues — a motley collection of Kalashnikov assault rifles, other guns and rocket launchers.

Karzai then locked the container and handed a set of keys to Defense Minister Mohammad Qasim Fahim. The weapons will eventually be handed over to the national army which is being formed in parallel with the disarmament drive.

### Peaceful choice

Rural Kunduz was chosen to launch the plan because it is largely peaceful and suffers from less of the ethnic and political tensions that bedevil much of the rest of the country.

But it is far from clear how the plan will work in the south and east, where Taliban militants stage daily hit-and-run attacks on aid workers, government posts and U.S.-led forces.

Warlords in other parts of the country are also unlikely to cooperate unless Fahim himself disarms thousands of his own soldiers who have been stationed in Kabul for the last two years in contravention of a 2001 peace deal.

But those doubts were temporarily put to one side on Friday as Fahim promised to make whatever sacrifices were necessary to build a new Afghanistan.

"We want to inform the international community that we will support whatever they do that benefits our country, and we will oppose anyone who stands in the way," he said.

But Brahimi warned there was a long road ahead.

## Stars and Stripes starts printing in Baghdad

By Ron Jensen  
*Stars and Stripes*

**BAGHDAD** – With a pre-dawn press run Tuesday, *Stars and Stripes* began printing an edition of the GIs' newspaper in the capital city of Iraq six months after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime.

This should provide 80 percent of the troops now stationed in Iraq with same-day delivery of the newspaper, said Robert Reismann, the newspaper's representative in Iraq.

A contractor will carry the papers from the al Sabah printing plant to Baghdad International Airport, where mail trucks and airplanes will transport them to the camps scattered across the country.

"Almost all are going to get daily news," Reismann said.

The effort is reminiscent of the newspaper's World War II days, when the paper was printed on captured printing presses as the front moved across Europe.

The paper's first edition was printed in 1861 after Union troops captured the town of Bloomfield, Mo., and discovered a working press. The town has established a museum dedicated to the newspaper.

"Iraq is still an unstable and potentially dangerous place to do business," said Tom Kelsch, the newspaper's publisher. "But that is where our troops are. And the mission and responsibility of *Stars and Stripes* is to get a daily newspaper to the troops abroad."

Kelsch said the news supplied by *Stars and Stripes* is most important when conditions for troops are difficult. The only practical way to provide timely de-



*Iraqi workers at the al Sabah printing plant in Baghdad cut, collate and bundle Stars and Stripes newspapers Tuesday morning. This was Stripes's first daily printing in Baghdad. Workers printed 5,000 newspapers on Tuesday and expect to increase the number to nearly 15,000 in the coming days.*

livery of the newspaper, he said, is to print it as close as possible to the troops.

The initial press run was 5,000 copies, but, Reismann said, the hope is to boost it to nearly 15,000. The newspaper is paid for by sponsors and is free to the troops.

The edition distributed in Iraq is the same one printed in Kuwait City. That printing operation began in April and has been supplying the newspaper in Iraq up to now. It has a current press run of 15,000.

Thomas Bowman, assistant print plant manager for *Stars and Stripes* in Germany, was in Iraq to oversee the printing.

"It looks real good," he said as he thumbed through a copy Tuesday morning at al Sabah. "I'm very impressed."

His only complaint was the lack of color in the newspaper. The plant lacks

the equipment to print the color pages Stripes readers expect, but efforts are under way to overcome that problem.

"They're working on getting the machines they need over here so it will be in color," Bowman said.

Najem Saadoun, production manager for al Sabah, said he expects the equipment to arrive from Jordan in a week or two.

He said the opportunity to print the newspaper for the American military is a good one for al Sabah, which prints several newspapers for Iraqi readers.

*Stars and Stripes*, which is funded in part by the Pentagon but retains editorial independence, has been published continuously in Europe since April 1942. It has editorial and administrative offices in Griesheim, Germany, and in Washington, D.C. An edition of the newspaper for the military in the Pacific region has offices in Tokyo.





## Music Notes (Compiled from CNN.com)



*Elliott Smith apparently committed suicide.*

### Elliott Smith dead at 34

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** – Elliott Smith, a singer-songwriter whose dark, introspective songs won him critical acclaim and an Academy Award nomination, has apparently committed suicide, his publicist and coroner's officials said Wednesday. He was 34.

Smith's body was found by his live-in girlfriend Tuesday, Los Angeles County Coroner Records Supervisor Marsha Grigsby told AP Radio.

He sustained a single stab wound to the chest that appeared to be self-inflicted, she said.

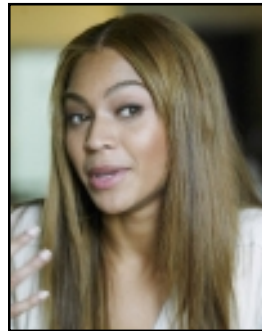
His New York-based publicist, who spoke on condition of anonymity, also confirmed his death.

Smith released five solo albums that received widespread acclaim from rock critics and garnered modest commercial success. "Miss Misery," recorded for Gus Van Sant's "Good Will Hunting," was nominated for an Oscar in 1998.

Smith's songs often were compared with those of Alex Chilton, Nick Drake and the Beatles, his favorite band.

Lyrically, they addressed dark subject matter such as drug addiction, troubled relationships and loneliness — though Smith tried to distance himself from the label of confessional songwriter.

### Producer sues Beyonce, father



*Beyonce Knowles*

they stole his music for the hit song "Survivor."

Terrence "T-Robb" Robinson, a Miami-based producer, claims he produced a song called "Glorious" in June 2000 and provided it to Matthew Knowles, Beyonce's father and manager, later that year in October.

Robinson's attorney claims the producer later heard the song used in a commercial, without his permission. Robinson said the song would have been his big break in the music industry.

"I know right now I would be one of the biggest, most sought-after producers," he said at a news conference Tuesday.

"Survivor" was the title of Destiny's Child's 2001 album, which sold millions of copies. The title song was a No. 2 hit that year and earned the group a Grammy in 2002 for best R&B performance.

### HOUSTON

**(AP)** – A 32-year-old producer has filed a \$200 million lawsuit against Beyonce Knowles, her father and fellow members of Destiny's Child, alleging



*Elton John is fixing to get his own show.*

### Elton to be fixture in Vegas

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** – Elton John promised the sequins will fly again when he kicks off a three-year gig at Caesars Palace in February.

"I cannot do this show anywhere else in the world except here," the entertainer said at a news conference Tuesday. "It's back to costume changes and Velcro."

The 56-year-old has signed a deal to perform 75 shows at The Colosseum at Caesars beginning February 2004, five times a week for five weeks a year in a deal reportedly worth more than \$50 million.

John and hotel officials wouldn't confirm contract details. "Let's just say, I'm very well paid," the entertainer joked.

Clad in purple sunglasses and a pinstriped suit, John described a production filled with an eclectic mix of songs and costumes, saying "there are not ostrich feathers, but there will be sequins flying around."

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

### "High Crimes"

1530Z at the MWR building:

High powered lawyer Claire Kubik finds her world turned upside down when her husband, who she thought was Tom Kubik...

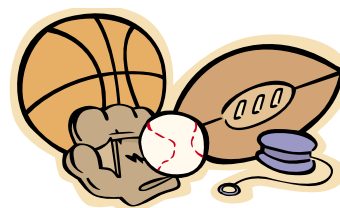
Tomorrow's movie: "Blade"





# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



*Juan Pierre connects for a two-out RBI double off Jose Contreras in the fourth inning.*

## Marlins survive Yankees' late rally

**MIAMI** – They play with coolness and confidence and, yes, a little cockiness that makes their opponent look silly. Pitching is stellar, hitting comes through in the clutch and luck is on their side.

And now, the Florida Marlins are letting the New York Yankees know just how it feels to be on the other side.

Brad Penny, Alex Gonzalez and the wild-card Marlins moved one win away from another surprising World Series championship, beating the banged-up and bumbling Yankees 6-4 in Game 5 on Thursday night.

"I think the whole country now really sees what kind of players these guys are," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said.

Penny pumped his fist like crazy when he escaped his final threat and Gonzalez struck again with his Hall of Fame-bound bat as the Marlins seized a 3-2 lead.

"We haven't been down this road many times," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Penny won for the second time in this Series, and the .143 career hitter helped himself with a two-run single as the Marlins rushed to a 6-1 lead. Yet the Yankees did not give up.

But when Bernie Williams' bid for a tying two-run homer in the ninth was caught a few feet from the wall, their best chance was gone.

"It was a little scary," McKeon said.

The sellout crowd of 65,975 at Pro Player Stadium pulsed all evening as Florida moved to the brink of an amazing upset. One man paid tribute in his own way — in the late innings, he ran across the entire outfield wearing only a Marlins cap.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner could merely shake his head after seeing this sudden reversal of fortune. The Boss' club looked like a shell of itself, hardly the caliber of team that has won four of the last seven championships.

## Riley resigns as Heat coach, remains team pres

**MIAMI** – His hair is still slicked-back, although now tinged with gray. The "Showtime" style he used to win four championships with in the 1980s is a fading memory. His intensity on the sideline just wasn't the same.

Pat Riley resigned as coach of the Miami Heat on Friday, four days before the team he reloaded with young but largely unproven talent opens its season.

Riley will remain as team president, but he turned over the coaching responsibilities to Stan Van Gundy, his top assistant over the past eight years with the Heat.

"It's not about me today. It really isn't," Riley said. "It's about the Heat and all those season ticket-holders that have bought seats and sponsors that are starting to come out now because of Caron Butler, Dwyane Wade, Lamar Odom and the possibilities of those guys. It isn't because of me.

"It's time to do this."

Riley, 58, ranks second in NBA history with 1,110 victories, and he led the Los Angeles Lakers to four championships in the 1980s. Riley won six division titles in his eight years in Miami, but only made the Eastern Conference finals once, losing to Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls in 1997.

But the Heat missed the playoffs the past two years, finishing at the bottom of the Atlantic Division last season at 25-57 — Riley's worst record in 21 years as an NBA head coach.



*Stan Van Gundy takes the reins from Riley. He and his brother Jeff are the second set of coaching brothers in NBA history.*

## Pak makes cut at men's event

**YONGIN, South Korea** – Se Ri Pak became the first woman to make the two-round cut in a men's golf tournament since Baba Zaharias in 1945.

Pak, the latest in a series of female golfers to play against men this season, shot a 2-over-par 74 Friday on the Korean tour. She is at 2-over 146 halfway through the \$250,000 SBS Super Tournament.

"Yesterday and today has been the most burdening time of my professional career, psychological and mentally," the South Korean star said. "I cannot put into words how happy I am to have made the cut."

Annika Sorenstam became the first woman in 58 years to play on the PGA Tour but missed the cut at the Colonial. Connecticut club pro Suzy Whaley (PGA Tour), 13-year-old amateur Michelle Wie (Nationwide Tour) and Laura Davies (Asian PGA Tour) failed to make the cut at other tournaments. Jan Stephenson played on the Champions Tour, which has no 36-hole cut, and tied for last.

Zaharias played in three PGA tournaments in 1945 and made the 36-hole cut for all three.

Pak, a four-time LPGA Tour major champion, had a 72 in her opening round at the 7,052-yard Lake Side Country Club course. The Korean tour is not part of the six circuits that make up the international federation of tours. Pak said she would be willing to challenge the men on the PGA Tour.

## Blackhawks fire manager Smith

**CHICAGO** – In a dispute between the coach and general manager, the struggling Chicago Blackhawks had to make a choice, and on Friday the team sided with the coach and fired general manager Mike Smith.

Senior vice president Bob Pulford was named interim GM until a replacement for Smith is found.

"It had become apparent to me toward the end of last season and the beginning of this year that our general manager and head coach were not on the same page," Pulford said.

There had been reports since last spring that Smith and Blackhawks coach Brian Sutter were at odds over philosophy, particularly over the amount of play by the team's young prospects. Pulford did not go into details on the differences between the two men, only saying they were on different sides of the street.

According to Pulford, the dispute became intolerable last week when Smith told members of the press that Sutter was out to get him.

"Things had been coming to a head between the two of them," Pulford said. "As a representative of the Blackhawks, I had to make a decision and it was made."

Pulford said Sutter has done a good job. Sutter, hired in 2001, took the Blackhawks to the playoffs in his first year as coach. Pulford added that the team's falloff last season was due to circumstances that were not Sutter's fault.

## Solution from Friday's Percussion Session Crossword in the *Freedom Watch*

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By Mark Baker

## Pvt. Murphy's Law



### *Kandahar chapel hours*

#### **Sunday**

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel service

#### **Monday**

- ❖ 1130Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel choir practice

#### **Tuesday**

- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox/Catholic Bible study
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

#### **Wednesday**

- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

#### **Thursday**

- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

#### **Friday**

- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian hymn service
- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

#### **Saturday**

- ❖ 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice

### *Bagram chapel hours*

#### **Sunday**

- ❖ 0530Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 0700Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1400Z — Gospel service

#### **Monday**

- ❖ 0700Z — Catholic mass

#### **Tuesday**

- ❖ 0700Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 1400Z — Protestant Bible study

#### **Wednesday**

- ❖ 0700Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 1400Z — Protestant mid-week service

#### **Thursday**

- ❖ 0700Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 1400Z — Gospel Bible study

#### **Friday**

- ❖ 0700Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 0745Z — Noon-Day prayer
- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

#### **Saturday**

- ❖ 1330Z — Gospel Choir practice
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study
- ❖ 15150Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 1900Z — Evening Worship service

### *K2 chapel hours*

#### **Sunday**

- ❖ 0300Z- Liturgical Service
- ❖ 0400,0730,1130Z-General Protestant Service
- ❖ 0530Z-Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1230Z-Latter Day Saints

#### **Monday**

- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

#### **Tuesday**

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Biblestudy

#### **Wednesday**

- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Midweek Praise Service

#### **Thursday**

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

#### **Friday**

- ❖ 1400Z-Jewish Service
- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Biblestudy

#### **Saturday**

- ❖ 0400Z-Jewish Service
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

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#### **Sunday**

- ❖ 1100Z — Christian service
- ❖ 1430Z — U.S. Embassy service
- ❖ 1900Z — Christian service

#### **Wednesday**

- ❖ 1900Z — Bible study

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**

- ❖ 1900Z — Roman Catholic mass



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*Sunday*



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Lo — 46F



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Hi — 77F  
Lo — 46F



Hi — 82F  
Lo — 50F

*Monday*



Hi — 77F  
Lo — 45F



Hi — 81F  
Lo — 56F



Hi — 77F  
Lo — 45F



Hi — 82F  
Lo — 50F

### *TF Phoenix chapel hours*

#### **Daily**

- ❖ 1430Z — Estudio Biblico En Espanol

#### **Sunday**

- ❖ 1330Z — Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1600Z — Latter Day Saints (DFAC)

#### **Tuesday**

- ❖ 1530Z — Bible Study

#### **Friday**

- ❖ 0530Z — Protestant Service
- ❖ 1230Z — Choir practice

All events are held in Chapel or DFAC.